

# DEREK SUN

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## EDUCATION

- **Edgemont Jr-Sr High School Class of 2024**, Scarsdale New York 2020 - Present

## NEW YORK SOCCER CLUB

2019 - Present

Led the 3-time championship-winning defense as the starting defensive midfielder, motivating the team and ramping up the intensity during practice and matches.

- IMG Cup Champion December 2022
- NorthEast Academy League Cup Champion 2022, 2023
- Elite Academy League Champion 2021

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES and LEADERSHIP

- **Edgemont Varsity Men's Soccer Team Starter, Captain** 2020 - Present  
Organized captain's practice over the summer. Led team warm-ups and meetings.  
Designed Team Jersey and fundraised for the school athletic booster club.
- **Photography Editor, Editorial illustrator, School Newspaper Magazine "CAMPUS"** 2021 - Present  
Trained ten High Schoolers in photography weekly, Launched first photo contest to receive 40 submissions.  
Produced multiple photographs including 5 magazine covers and multiple editorial illustrations.
- **Photographer and Layout Editor, "RESPECTUS" Yearbook** 2020 - Present  
Produced Photos for school athletic events, Senior Activities and School trips.
- **School Ambassador on the Superintendent's Advisory Council** 2022 - 2023  
Served as a liaison to invite English teacher from Edgemont to participate in AAPI workshop approved by superintendent for Continuing Teacher and Leader Education requirement.
- **Founder&President, Blue Bird Photo Club** 2023 - Present  
Established to encourage thoughtful dialogue raising awareness for local concerns like environmental sustainability, DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) and mental health. Collaborated with NYC student photographers to organize exhibitions including "Echoes of Belonging." Donated to El Transito Centro de Artes
- **Contributor, Chanticleer School Annual Literary Magazine** 2022 - Present  
Published illustrations and poems

## AWARDS & HONORS

- **NATIONAL YOUNGARTS AWARD 2024**  
YoungArts Winner with Distinction in Photography
- **SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS**
  - **National Award:** Silver Medal (2023) in Photography,
  - **Regional Awards:** 2 Gold Keys, 10 Silver Keys, 10 Honorable Mentions (2021, 2022)
- **SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS**
  - **Regional Awards:** 3 Honorable Mentions (2021,2022) in Critical Essay & Poetry
- **NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2021**
  - 3rd place in Senior Individual **Exhibit Category** in Lower Hudson region
- **NEW YORK STATE SECTION 1 ALL LEAGUE / ALL STAR 2023**
  - Coach's Award 2023, New York State Section 1 Honorable Mention 2022
- **NYU Urban Journalism Workshop 2023**
  - Full Scholarship selective Summer program to work with renowned journalists in NYC
- **NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALIST 2024 / AP Scholar 2023**

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## EXHIBITIONS

- **ECHOES OF BELONGING** AUGUST 29 TO SEPTEMBER 4 2023  
7 Young Art students' Photographic Exhibition at W83 gallery in NYC. Discover pieces of global culture and gather with people in the community. Raised \$2500 for EL Transito Centro de Artes Foundation
- **STORIES WORTH SHARING PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES** EXHIBITION JULY 14 2023  
Creative exhibition attended by the 40 participating students' families and community members
- **2024 NATIONAL YOUNGARTS WEEK:** Design, Photography & Visual Arts EXHIBITION  
YoungArts Gallery Miami, FL January 12 to February 23 2024

## RESEARCH PUBLICATION

- How do social media advertisements made by luxury brands, with their emphasis on quality, exclusivity, and heritage, compare to non-luxury brands in 2022? (Researcher, Polygence Summer Program)  
Abstract: In the ever-evolving landscape of digital marketing, social media has emerged as a powerful platform for brand promotion and engagement. This study delves into the realm of social media advertising, specifically focusing on luxury brands and their non-luxury counterparts in the year 2022.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT + VOLUNTEER

- Referee, Westchester Youth Soccer League referee (2021 - Present)  
Worked with teams under 13 years of age. Operated as main referee for all matches
- Digital Arts Leader, Stories Worth Sharing Program for Refugees (2022 - Present)  
Organized arts auction to raise \$2,500 for program. Designed and taught digital self-portrait class to refugees in Clarkstown, GA.
- Intern, Gold Moose Publishing (2022-Present)  
Recruited teen writers and artists to publish poetry, prose, and artworks. Assisted head editors with layout for 2022 and 2023 Fall Issues.
- Paid Intern, Stefano BEMER® (Summer 2023)  
Greeted customers/maintained neat storage and retail space/ assisted head photographer, Mr. Korey arranging objects for photos
- Marketing Intern, High School Post Pandemic Task Force Greenburgh (2021)  
- Assisted a personal training business in Hartsdale, NY called Total Form Fitness in its marketing efforts after COVID

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Technical: Digital Photography. Proficient in Adobe Creative Cloud Suite, especially Photoshop, Lightroom and Procreate.
- Language: Proficient in Korean, Working Knowledge of Latin